

PROGRAM

Thursday, October 13, 2016

11:00' Registration

12:00' WELCOME – OPENING SESSION

Athanasios Savvakis, President, Federation of Industries of Northern Greece, Greece

Maria Kollia - Tsaroucha, Deputy Minister of Interior & Administrative Reconstruction (Macedonia and Thrace), Greece

Apostolos Tzitzikostas, Governor, Region of Central Macedonia, Greece

Panagiotis Avramopoulos, President of the City Council of Thessaloniki, Greece

Vassilis Leventis, Leader, Union of Centrists party, Greece

13:00' KEYNOTE SPEECH

George Stathakis, Minister of Economy, Development and Tourism, Greece

13:30' KEYNOTE SPEECH

Alexis Charitsis, Deputy Minister of Economy, Development and Tourism, Greece

14:00' Q & A

Discussion with the participants

14:20' Break – Light Buffet lunch

15:00' KEYNOTE SPEECH

Adonis Georgiadis, Vice President, New Democracy party, Greece

15:10' TENSION POINTS IN THE REGION: ASSESSING THE STATE OF GEOPOLITICS

From the rise of the Islamic State to the refugee crisis and Ukraine, the last years have been marked by geopolitical friction that led to several dramatic flash points. What can we learn from these conflicts and how can we respond to these challenges?

MODERATOR: Yiannis Papadogiannis, Journalist, KATHIMERINI

Keynote Speakers: Nikos Xydakis, Alternate Foreign Minister for European Affairs, Greece

George Koumoutsakos, MP, Spokesman, New Democracy party, Greece

Theodore Pangalos, former Deputy Prime Minister of Greece

Konstantinos Filis, Director of Research, Institute of International Relations of Panteion University, Greece

16:20' THE GREEK ECONOMY: CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS AND FUTURE PROSPECTS

Greece's achievements during the difficult years of economic adjustment and on the current developments in the Greek economy and the sustainability of the Greek debt, highlighting future challenges and prospects.

MODERATOR: Paschos Mandravelis, Journalist, KATHIMERINI

Evangelos Venizelos, former Deputy Prime Minister of Greece

Chris Allen, Commission Resident Representative in Athens, European Commission

Christos Staikouras, former Alternate Minister of Finance, Greece

Panagiotis Tsakloglou, Professor, International & European Economic Studies Dept., Athens University of Economics & Business, Greece

Zsolt Darvas, Senior Fellow, Bruegel, Brussels

17:30' KEYNOTE SPEECH

Local Government in times of Crisis: is it time for bottom - up solutions to our top - down problems?

Kostas Bakoyannis, Governor, Region of Central Greece

17:50' FINANCING GROWTH

The EU Commission foresees investments in EU amounting to over 300 billion Euros in near future. Following that plan the Member States will propose numerous investment projects. What are the gears for new financial regimes? The role of different players: EC, EIB, financial institutions and private sector?

MODERATOR: **Stamatis Zacharos**, Publishing Consultant, 24Media Group, Journalist, Athens 9.84 Radio

Athanasios Savvakis, President, Federation of Industries of Northern Greece, Greece

Christos Kontogeorgos, Deputy Advisor, Lending Operations in Greece, European Investment Bank, Greece

Alkis Drakinis, Deputy Head for Greece, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

Christos Dimas, MP-Korinthia, Standing Committee on Economic Affairs, Shadow Budget Secretary for Nea Dimokratia party, Greece

Andreas Chasapis, General Manager, Head of Commercial Banking, EUROBANK, Greece

Nikos Vettas, Director General, Foundation of Economics & Industrial Research, Professor, Athens University of Economics & Business, Greece

19:00' End of the first day

21:00' OFFICIAL DINNER

Guest of Honor & Speaker: Margaritis Schinas, Chief Spokesperson, European Commission

Friday, October 14, 2016

09:00' Arrival of Delegates

09:45' WELCOME – OPENING SESSION

Apostolos Tzitzikostas, Governor, Region of Central Macedonia, Greece

10:00' REGIONAL STOCK EXCHANGE COLLABORATION – FINANCING INITIATIVES

How can we increase the visibility of the regional capital markets? How can the regional capital markets benefit from linked trading and post trading infrastructures and aligned rules and regulations? Are such joint projects under way? How can European financial institutions support market development and cooperation? Which initiatives can allow SMEs to tap local and international investors? What is the view of the buy side in accessing those markets?

MODERATOR: Socrates Lazaridis, CEO, Athens Stock Exchange, Greece

Alkis Drakinis, Deputy Head for Greece, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

Vassilis Kletsas, Fund Manager, IGROUP

Ivan Takev, CEO, Bulgarian Stock Exchange (BSE), Bulgaria

Nikolaos Troullinos, A' Vice Chairman, Hellenic Capital Market Commission

11:20' KEYNOTE SPEECH

Ivan Savvidi, Chairman, Agrocom Group Holding Company, Greece



11:30' INVESTMENT OUTLOOK IN NORTHERN GREECE

Despite the volatile political environment, investments in Greece are gathering speed. The privatization commitments are being implemented. What are the projects that are being initialized and which ones are in the pipeline?

MODERATOR: **Antonis Papayiannidis**, Chief Executive, ECONOMIKI EPITHEORISI

Vassilis Kafatos, Consulting Managing Partner, Deloitte, Greece

Panos Papazoglou, Managing Partner, Ernst & Young, Greece

Mihalis Theodorakopoulos, Managing Director and Vice President of the Board of Hellas Gold, Greece

Christian Hadjiminas, Vice Chairman, Hellenic Entrepreneurs Association (EENE), Greece

12:30' LONG TERM INVESTING: CONNECTIVITY & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT IN SE EUROPE

The importance of infrastructure as a key driver for growth, competitiveness and social wellbeing is well established. Yet, a significant number of economically viable infrastructure investments are not moving fast enough. How can we contribute to this objective?

MODERATOR: **Antonis Papayiannidis**, Chief Executive, ECONOMIKI EPITHEORISI

Ambassador Michael B. Christides, Secretary General, Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation, Istanbul, Turkey

Stergios Pitsiorlas, Chairman, Hellenic Republic Asset Development Fund (TAIPED), Greece

Dimitrios Makris, CEO, Thessaloniki Port Authority SA, Greece

Andreas Andreadis, President, Greek Tourism Confederation (SETE), Greece

13:40' Break – Light Buffet lunch



14:40' INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS DEVELOPMENT AND EXPORTS

What are the determinants of the value chain between businesses and commercial diplomacy? How can we better promote international trade, corporate partnerships and at the same time market Northern Greece as a location for FDI and R&D activities?

MODERATOR: **Symeon Tsomokos**, Chairman, Greece-Serbia Chamber

Keynote Speakers: **Peter Economides**, Owner and founder, Felix BNI, Greece

Sotiris Leontaris, Head of Commercial Department, British Embassy to Greece

David Mallette, Commercial Counselor, Embassy of Canada to Greece

Asimina Tzika, President and CEO, ELVIAL SA

15:40' KEYNOTE SPEECH

George Pitsilis, Secretary General of Public Revenue, Ministry of Economy, Greece

15:50' RE-INDUSTRIALIZING THE REGIONAL ECONOMY FOR GROWTH AND JOBS

More growth is needed to reduce high unemployment rates, to consolidate public finances and overcome growing divergence within the Eurozone. How is it possible to fashion and implement an industrial policy that strengthens Europeans' global competitiveness and preserves our high living standards?

MODERATOR: **Nectarios Notis**, Financial Commentator, Athens 9,84 FM, CEO, FnB Daily

Theodora Tzakri, Deputy Minister for Industry, Ministry of Economy, Development & Tourism, Greece

Jerry Naumoff, Minister for Foreign Investments, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Stamatis Theodoropoulos, Chairman, Hellenic Business Council in Bulgaria

George Alex. Milonas, Chairman and CEO, ALUMIL SA, Greece

Christos Charpantidis, Chairman and Managing Director, Papastratos SA, Greece

17:00' NORTHERN GREECE AT THE CROSSROADS OF THE ENERGY ROADMAP

Diversification of energy resources, suppliers and routes is crucial for ensuring secure and resilient energy supplies to citizens and companies who expect access to affordable and competitively priced energy. How can we contribute to this objective?

MODERATOR: **Alexia Tasouli**, Diplomatic Correspondent, MEGA CHANNEL

Prof. Yannis Maniatis, MP, Former Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate Change, Greece

Ihsan Ugur Delikanli, President, Black Sea Trade & Development Bank, Turkey

Stavros Goutsos, Deputy CEO, Public Power Corporation S.A., Greece

Theodoros Kitsakos, CEO, Public Gas Corporation (DEPA), Greece

Rikard Scoufias, Country Manager, TAP, Greece

18:10' ADVANCING A DIGITAL ECONOMY FOR EXPANDED PARTICIPATION AND GROWTH

Digital Economy can dramatically contribute to innovation, growth and jobs. It is also a powerful tool to fuel the growth of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). How can we help digital entrepreneurs and works on issues related to the competitiveness of the digital economy?

MODERATOR: **Yannis Perlepes**, General Manager, Naftemporiki

Anastasios Tzikas, President, Federation of Hellenic ICT Enterprises (SEPE), Greece

Nikolaos Chatziargyriou, Chairman & CEO, Hellenic Electricity Distribution Network Operator SA, and Professor, Electrical & Computer Engineering School, National Technical University of Athens, Greece

Georgios Doukidis, Professor, Management, Science and Technology Dept., Athens University of Economics & Business, Greece

Andreas Drimiotis, Business Consultant, Greece

19:20' End of conference